



Kentucky Derby Update

Sunday, April 18, 2021

HIGHLY MOTIVATED WORKS AT KEENELAND; OAKS FILLIES CLAIRIERE, PAULINE'S PEARL WORK AT CHURCHILL

LOUISVILLE, KY (Sunday, April 18, 2021) – With less than two weeks remaining until the first Saturday in May, Klaravich Stable's homebred **Highly Motivated**, the runner-up to **Essential Quality** in the \$800,000 Blue Grass (Grade II) worked a half-mile in :47.20 at Keeneland prior to his Monday arrival at Churchill Downs.

In Louisville, **Stonestreet Stables**' Fantasy Stakes (GIII) winner **Pauline's Pearl** worked five furlongs in 1:00.40 early Saturday morning beneath the Twin Spires. Her stablemate **Clairiere**, the winner of the Rachel Alexandra Stakes (GII), worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 at 7:30 a.m. (all times Eastern).

Sunday was the second day of the exclusive Derby and Oaks training session from 7:30-7:45 a.m. Monday will start the live broadcast of the **Morning Works Show presented by TwinSpires.com**. Fans can watch a livestream of Derby and Oaks training on the Kentucky Derby social media channels and on www.kentuckyderby.com/works.

BOURBONIC, DYNAMIC ONE, KNOWN AGENDA, SAINTHOOD – Trainer Todd Pletcher's squad of four Kentucky Derby contenders **Bourbonic**, **Dynamic One**, **Known Agenda** and **Sainthood** continue to train toward the first Saturday in May. All four are scheduled to have one additional work next weekend at Churchill Downs.

CADDO RIVER, ESSENTIAL QUALITY, MANDALOUN – Godolphin's Kentucky Derby favorite **Essential Quality** and Juddmonte Farm's **Mandaloun** had a scheduled walk day following their Saturday morning works at Churchill Downs.

Shortleaf Stable's Arkansas Derby (GI) runner-up **Caddo River** galloped about 1 ½ miles at 5:15 a.m. Sunday morning. His Kentucky Derby status remains undecided.

Trainer **Brad Cox** is expected to return to Louisville on Monday.

DREAM SHAKE – Exline-Border Racing, SAF Racing and Richard Hausman's Santa Anita Derby (GI) third-place finisher **Dream Shake** worked five furlongs in :59.20 Saturday. The colt is scheduled to make his next start in the Derby or Pat Day Mile (GII).

GET HER NUMBER – Gary Barber's fourth-place Arkansas Derby finisher **Get Her Number** returned to Southern California following his fourth-place effort in the Arkansas Derby.

There are currently three scheduled flights from Southern California to Louisville over the next 10 days – Friday, April 23, Sunday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 27.

HELUM, SOUP AND SANDWICH – D J Stable's Tampa Bay Derby (GII) winner **Helium** jogged one-mile Sunday at Churchill Downs while **Live Oak Plantation's Soup and Sandwich** had a scheduled walk day.

Soup and Sandwich worked five furlongs in :59.80 Saturday at Churchill Downs while **Helium** breezed five furlongs from the gate in 1:01.80 Friday.

HIDDEN STASH – **BBN Racing's Hidden Stash**, the fourth-place finisher in the Blue Grass, is scheduled to arrive Derby Week from trainer Vicki Oliver's Keeneland base. The colt will be stabled in Barn 17.

HIGHLY MOTIVATED – Klaravich Stable's Blue Grass (GII) runner-up **Highly Motivated** recorded a bullet half-mile move in :47.20 with stablemate **Founder** Sunday morning at Keeneland. It was the fastest of 27 horses at the distance.

Trained by **Chad Brown**, **Highly Motivated** is scheduled to van to Churchill Downs Monday. Brown is slated to arrive later in the week.

HOT ROD CHARLIE – **Roadrunner Racing, Boat Racing and Strauss Bros Racing's Hot Rod Charlie** is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs from Southern California on Sunday, April 25, according to senior director of the stable area **Steve Hargrave**.

The **Doug O'Neill** trained **TwinSpires.com Louisiana Derby (GII)** winner worked six furlongs in 1:14.20 Saturday at Santa Anita.

Hot Rod Charlie is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs with O'Neill's trusty retired racehorse turned pony **Lava Man**.

LIKE THE KING – **M Racing Group's Jeff Ruby Steaks (GIII)** winner **Like the King** recorded a six-furlong breeze in 1:12.80 Saturday at Keeneland.

Trained by **Wesley Ward**, the three-time winner is tentatively scheduled to arrive Derby Week at Churchill Downs.

MEDINA SPIRIT – **Zedan Racing Stable's Grade III winner Medina Spirit** worked five furlongs in 1:00 Saturday at Santa Anita.

Trainer **Bob Baffert** tentatively has three options for Medina Spirit's arrival to Churchill Downs – Friday, April 23, Sunday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 27, according to Hargrave.

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MIDNIGHT BOURBON, SUPER STOCK – Winchell Thoroughbreds' multiple graded stakes placed colt **Midnight Bourbon** along with **Erv Woolsey** and **Keith Asmussen's** upset Arkansas Derby (GI) hero **Super Stock** galloped about 1 3/8 miles at 6:45 a.m. Sunday at Churchill Downs.

Midnight Bourbon is scheduled to work Monday at Churchill Downs while Super Stock would work next weekend, according to Asmussen.

O BESOS – Barrett Bernard, Tagg Team Racing and West Point Thoroughbreds' Louisiana Derby (GII) third-place finisher **O Besos** had a light gallop Sunday at 7:30 a.m. for trainer **Greg Foley**.

The Orb colt is scheduled to have one more breeze prior to the Derby early next week.

ROCK YOUR WORLD – Hronis Racing and David Michael Talla's Rock Your World will have a new jockey for the Kentucky Derby with **Joel Rosario**.

Trained by **John Sadler**, Rock Your World won the Santa Anita Derby (GI) with **Umberto Rispoli** in the saddle but the team opted to switch to Rosario.

Rock Your World is scheduled to arrive at Churchill Downs Sunday, April 25.

ALSO ELIGIBLES:

KING FURY – Fern Circle Stables and Three Chimneys' Farm's Lexington Stakes winner King Fury will make his next start in the Kentucky Derby or Preakness (GI), according to trainer **Kenny McPeek**.

The Curlin colt is stabled in Barn 7 at Churchill Downs.

KEEPMEINMIND – Spendthrift Farm, Cypress Creek and Arnold Bennewith's Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) winner Keepmeinmind breezed five furlongs in 1:00.60 Saturday at Keeneland and vanned to Churchill Downs Sunday.

Trained by **Robertino Diodoro**, Keepmeinmind is stabled in Barn 46.

STARRININMYDREAMS – Stewart Racing and WinStar Farm's third-place Lexington Stakes finisher Starrininmydreams is probable to enter the Pat Day Mile but could run in the Derby if there are enough defections, according to co-owner and trainer **Dallas Stewart**.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY DERBY – Likely starters in the 147th running of the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) for 3-year-olds at 1 1/4 miles on Saturday, May 1 in order of preference (with possible jockey and trainer): **Essential Quality** (Luis Saez, Brad Cox); **Hot Rod Charlie** (Flavien Prat, Doug O'Neill); **Super Stock** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Like the King** (Drayden Van Dyke, Wesley Ward); **Known Agenda** (Irad Ortiz, Todd Pletcher); **Rock Your World** (Joel Rosario, John Sadler); **Bourbonic** (Kendrick Carmouche, Todd Pletcher); **Medina Spirit** (John Velazquez, Bob Baffert); **Midnight Bourbon** (Mike Smith, Steve Asmussen);

Mandaloun (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox); **Highly Motivated** (Javier Castellano); **Helium** (Julien Leparoux, Mark Casse); **Soup and Sandwich** (Tyler Gaffalione, Mark Casse); **Dynamic One** (Jose Ortiz, Todd Pletcher); **Sainthood** (TBA, Todd Pletcher); **Hidden Stash** (Rafael Bejarano, Vicki Oliver); **Dream Shake** (TBA, Peter Eurton); **O Besos** (Marcelino Pedroza, Greg Foley); and **Get Her Number** (TBA, Peter Miller);

Possible starters within the Top 20 on the preference list: **Caddo River** (TBA, Brad Cox).

Next up in order of preference: **King Fury** (Brian Hernandez Jr.); **Keepmeinmind** (David Cohen, Robertino Diodoro); **Starrininmydreams** (TBA, Dallas Stewart).

Out of race: **Rebel's Romance (IRE)** (June 5 Belmont Stakes); **Greatest Honour** (rest); **Life Is Good** (ankle chip); **Weyburn** (May 8 Peter Pan); **Panadol**; **Crowded Trade** (May 8 Peter Pan or May 15 Preakness); **Proxy**; **Rombauer** (May 15 Preakness); **Drain the Clock** (shorter distances); **New Treasure (IRE)**; **Hozier**; **Hockey Dad**; **Spielberg** (rest); and **Jackie's Warrior** (May 1 Pat Day Mile).

LONGINES KENTUCKY OAKS UPDATE – Stonestreet Stables' graded stakes-winning duo of **Clariere** and **Pauline's Pearl** logged their penultimate works Sunday at Churchill Downs prior to the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI).

Pauline's Pearl was the first of the two Oaks contenders to work Sunday morning when she breezed five furlongs in 1:00.40 inside of **Abrogate**. The duo began their work through eighth-mile fractions of :13, :25.20, :36.60 and :48.40 before a six-furlong gallop out in 1:13.40, according to Churchill Downs clocker **John Nichols**.

Two hours later, Clariere worked five furlongs in 1:00.80 inside of **Finite**. The duo breezed through splits of :12.20, :24.40, :36.20 with a six-furlong gallop out of 1:14.20.

Other Kentucky Oaks contenders who are regularly training at Churchill Downs are **Ava's Grace**, **Crazy Beautiful**, **Malathaat**, **Millefeuille**, **Travel Column** and **Will's Secret**.

SHAPING UP: THE KENTUCKY OAKS – Likely starters in the 147th running of the \$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (Grade I) for 3-year-old fillies at 1 1/8 miles on Friday, April 30 in order of preference (with possible jockey and trainer): **Search Results** (Irad Ortiz Jr., Chad Brown); **Travel Column** (Florent Geroux, Brad Cox); **Crazy Beautiful** (Jose Ortiz, Kenny McPeek); **Pauline's Pearl** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Malathaat** (Joel Rosario, Todd Pletcher); **Soothsay** (Flavien Prat, Richard Mandella); **Clariere** (Tyler Gaffalione, Steve Asmussen); **Will's Secret** (Jon Court, Dallas Stewart); **Millefeuille** (TBA, Bill Mott); **Moraz** (Umberto Rispoli, Michael McCarthy); **Ava's Grace** (TBA, Robertino Diodoro); **Pass the Champagne** (Javier Castellano, George Weaver); **Maracuja** (Kendrick Carmouche, Rob Atras); and **Competitive Speed** (TBA, Javier Gonzalez).

Next up in order of preference: **Coach** (Luis Saez, Brad Cox); **Souper Sensational** (TBA, Mark Casse); **Moon Swag** (TBA, Brendan Walsh); **Army Wife** (TBA, Mike Maker); and **Spritz** (Chris Landeros, Rodolphe Brissett).

Out of race: **Beautiful Gift**; **Wholebodemeister**; **Mnasek**; **Adventuring**; **The Grass Is Blue**; **Kalypso**; **Vequist**; **Miss Brazil**; and **Nayefah**.

STAKES PROBABLES – The following are the early probable stakes race entrants for Kentucky Derby Week, according to assistant racing secretary and stakes coordinator **Dan Bork**:

The 6th running of the \$125,000 William Walker (Listed), run on Saturday, April 24 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Wednesday, April 21: **Bodenheimer** (trainer Valorie Lund); **Cees Get Degrees** (Michelle Lovell); **Charles Chrome** (Reeve McGaughey); **Field Day** (Brad Cox); **Gagetown** (Brad Cox); **The Wolfman** (Phil Schoenthal). Possible: **Unitedandresolute** (Tom Amoss)

The 3rd running of the \$120,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes presented by Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, run Tuesday, April 27 at 1 ½ miles, entries close Thursday, April 22: **Dack Janiel's** (Jack Sisterson); **Plus Que Parfait** (Brendan Walsh); **Strong Tide** (Mike Lauer); **You're To Blame** (Ron Moquett).

The 27th running of the \$125,000 Kentucky Juvenile, run Wednesday, April 28 at five furlongs, entries close Friday, April 23: **Bohemian Frost** (John Ennis); **Saucy Lady T** (James Chapman); **Shesgotattitude** (Ennis).

The 16th running of the \$120,000 Opening Verse Overnight Stakes, run Wednesday, April 28 at one-mile on turf, entries close Friday, April 23: **Captivating Moon** (Chris Block); **Epic Dreamer** (Mark Casse); **Sayyaaf** (Mike Maker); **Set Piece** (Brad Cox); **Spectacular Gem** (Jimmy Baker).

The 11th running of the \$150,000 Unbridled Sidney, run on Thursday, April 29 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Saturday, April 24: **A Bit of Both** (Mike Maker); **Ambassador Luna** (James Gulick); **Change of Control** (Michelle Lovell); **Dixieincandyland** (Eddie Kenneally); **Foxy Belle** (Michael Ann Ewing); **Into Mystic** (Brendan Walsh); **Lady Grace** (Mark Casse); **She'sonthewarpath** (Steve Margolis); **Wining Envelope** (Chris Block); **Yes It's Ginger** (Greg Foley).

The 27th running of the \$250,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (Grade II), run Friday, April 30 at 5 ½ furlongs on turf, entries close Monday, April 26: **American Butterfly** (D. Wayne Lukas); **Carotari** (Brian Lynch); **Classy John** (Dallas Stewart); **Diamond Oops** (Patrick Biancone); **Firecrow** (Ron Moquett); **Just Might** (Michelle Lovell); **Sombeyay** (Peter Miller).

The 37th Running of the \$300,000 Edgewood presented by Newport Racing & Gaming (Grade II), run on Friday, April 30

at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries close Monday, April 26: **Aunt Pearl** (Brad Cox); **I Get It** (Mark Casse); **Oliviaofthedesert** (Kenny McPeek); **Postnup** (Cherie Devaux); **Queen of the Green** (Jason Barkley). Possible: **Jouster** (Todd Pletcher), **Zaaejel** (Pletcher).

The 66th running of the \$300,000 Eight Belles presented by Smithfield (Grade II), run on Friday April 30 at seven furlongs, entries close Monday, April 26: **Abrogate** (Steve Asmussen); **Dayoutoftheoffice** (Tim Hamm); **Euphoric** (Bernie Flint); **Slumber Party** (Kelly Breen); **Sun Path** (Brad Cox); **Windmill** (Larry Jones). Possible: **Joyful Cadence** (John Ortiz).

The 18th running of the \$400,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (Grade II), run on Friday, April 30 at 1 1/16 miles, entries close Monday, April 26: **Attachment Rate** (Dale Romans); **Chess Chief** (Dallas Stewart); **Maxfield** (Brendan Walsh); **Roadster** (Bob Baffert); **Sonneman** (Steve Asmussen); **Visitant** (Bill Morey).

The 36th running of the \$500,000 La Troienne presented by TwinSpires.com (Grade I), run on Friday, April 30 at 1 1/16 miles, entries close Monday, April 26: **As Time Goes By** (Bob Baffert); **Dunbar Road** (Chad Brown); **Envoutante** (Kenny McPeek); **Paris Lights** (Bill Mott); **Sanenus** (Michael McCarthy); **Shedaresthedevil** (Brad Cox). Possible: **Finite** (Steve Asmussen).

The 30th running of the \$500,000 American Turf presented by Derby City Gaming (Grade II), run on Saturday, May 1 at 1 1/16 miles on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Fire At Will** (Mike Maker); **Holy Vow** (John Ortiz); **Lucky Law** (Patrick Biancone); **Palazzi** (Mark Casse); **Winfromwithin** (Todd Pletcher).

The 97th running of the \$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU, run on Saturday, May 1 at one-mile, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Excellent Timing** (Chad Brown); **Gretzky the Great** (Mark Casse); **Jackie's Warrior** (Steve Asmussen); **Prevalence** (Brendan Walsh); **Whiskey Double** (Steve Asmussen). Possible: **Dream Shake** (Peter Eurton); **Dreamer's Disease** (Robertino Diodoro).

The 36th running of the \$500,000 Longines Distaff Turf Mile (Grade II), run on Saturday, May 1 at one-mile on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Abscond** (Eddie Kenneally); **Blowout** (Chad Brown); **Got Stormy** (Mark Casse); **Princess Grace** (Mike Stidham).

The 35th running of the \$500,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at seven furlongs, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Gamine** (Bob Baffert), **Sconsin** (Greg Foley). Possible: **Bell's the One** (Neil Pessin); **Finite** (Steve Asmussen); **Hibiscus Punch** (Justin Nixon); **Unique Factor** (Peter Miller).

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The 86th running of the \$500,000 Churchill Downs presented by Ford (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at seven furlongs, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Charlatan** (Bob Baffert); **Hog Creek Hustle** (Vickie Foley); **Lexitonian** (Jack Sisterson); **Tap It To Win** (Mark Casse). Possible: **Bango** (Greg Foley); **Shashashakemeup** (Peter Miller).

The 35th running of the \$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (Grade I), run on Saturday, May 1 at 1 1/8 miles on turf, entries close Tuesday, April 27: **Arklow** (Brad Cox); **Colonel Liam** (Todd Pletcher); **Digital Age** (Chad Brown); **Ivar** (Paolo Lobo); **Masteroffoxhounds** (Richard Baltas); **Ride a Comet** (Mark Casse); **Smooth Like Strait** (Michael McCarthy). Possible: **Flavius** (Chad Brown), **Spooky Channel** (Brian Lynch).

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